

# Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

January 4, 2002

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Re:

Petition for Waiver

Fee Control No.: 00000RROG-02-004

#### Dear Counsel:

This letter is in response to your request submitted on behalf of Novo Networks International Services, Inc., for waiver pursuant to Section 1.1166 of the Commission 's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1166, of regulatory fees for Fiscal Year 2001.

You state that Novo filed for protection under Chapter XI Bankruptcy on July 30, 2001. You assert that payments can not be made at this time absent approval of the Bankruptcy Court and, thus, that no regulatory fee payment should be required.

Section 1.1166 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1166, provides that regulatory fees may be waived upon a showing of good cause and a finding that the public interest will be served thereby. We find that Novo's filing of a Chapter XI petition in bankruptcy court substantiates its claim of financial hardship and demonstrates good cause for waiver of the filing fees. See Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act, 10 FCC Rcd 12759, 12762 (1995) (evidence of bankruptcy or receivership sufficient to establish financial hardship for purposes of waiver of regulatory fees). Therefore, your request for waiver of Fiscal Year 2001 regulatory fees is granted.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the Revenue and Receivable Operation Group at (202) 418-1995.

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#### VIA COURIER

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary Federal Communications Commission P.O. Box 358835 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5145

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Re:

Regulatory Fees for Novo Networks International Services, Inc.

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed please find the completed Form 159 for Novo Networks International Services, Inc. ("Novo" or the "Debtor") for the submission of Novo's 2000 Regulatory Fees. Please note that while Novo has completed this form and submitted it to the Commission, Novo has not enclosed a payment for these fees.

Novo filed a voluntary petition for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on July 30, 2001 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Petition"). Because the Commission's regulatory fees are based on revenues that occurred prior to the filing of the Bankruptcy Petition, Novo believes that U.S. bankruptcy law prohibits payment at this time. Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, payments for debts that arise out of pre-petition activities cannot be paid absent specific approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Novo requests that the FCC not impose any penalty or late fees. In light of the legal prohibition on the Debtor making payments without instructions from the Bankruptcy Court, Novo believes that such late fees should not be applicable.

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the envelope provided. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Douglas D. Orvis II at (202) 945-6941.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Accounting and Audits Division, FCC Steven W. Caple

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e: Amended Filing of Regulatory Fees for Novo Networks International Services, Inc.

Dear Ms. Salas:

By this submission we are providing a revised FCC Form 159 for association with the September 26, 2001, Regulatory Fee submission for calendar year 2000 on behalf of Novo Networks International Services, Inc. ("Novo" or the "Debtor"). We have become aware that the previously submitted FCC Form 159 inadvertently identified the applicant as "Novo Networks, Inc.", although it did provide the correct Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN") for the Debtor. We are submitting this amendment to correctly identity the name of the applicant, on FCC Form159, as "Novo Networks International Services, Inc."

As previously stated in the September 26, 2001 filing, please note that while Novo has completed this form and submitted it to the Commission, Novo has not enclosed a regulatory fee payment. Novo filed a voluntary petition for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on July 30, 2001 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Petition"). Because the Commission's regulatory fees are based on revenues that occurred prior to the filing of the Bankruptcy Petition, Novo believes that U.S. bankruptcy law prohibits payment at this time. Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, payments for debts that arise out of pre-petition activities cannot be paid absent specific approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Novo requests that the FCC not impose any penalty or late fees. In light of the legal prohibition on the Debtor making payments without instructions from the Bankruptcy Court, Novo believes that such late fees should not be applicable.

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